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For: SLIDING ROOF DEVICE FOR	)	
VEHICLE	)	

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231**

Sir:

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The following are listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and are in a non-English language:

1. Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 2002-154328 - The relevance of this document is discussed at page one of the specification of the present application.


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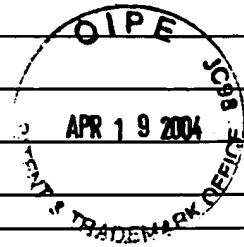
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